Proposals from States under SJGSY

1069. SHRI BALAWANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana were received from several States for approval during the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons for not clearing them so far and by when they are likely to be cleared;

(c) whether many State Governments have not properly utilized the funds sanctioned by Union Government for the scheme and that complaints regarding misuse of funds have also been received by the Ministry;

(d) if so, the last two years details thereof;

(e) whether cooperation from NGOs is also being taken for implementation of Yojana; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry has cleared 64 projects during the last two years. Special Projects received from the State Governments are first scrutinized and after scrutinizing they are placed before two Inter-Ministerial Committees for approval. Appraisal and approval are continuous processes.

(c) and (d) The Ministry has recently received a complaint from Orissa for misuse of funds in respect of the project sanctioned titled "Special Project for Creation of an Integrated Network of Marketing of Rural Products in Orissa by ORMAS".

(e) and (f) The Special Project sanctioned by the Ministry is being implemented by the Government/Semi Government Organisations. However, the implementing agency is free to take the services of NGOs.